



# e-Bikes Education and Enforcement

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# Proactive Community Education

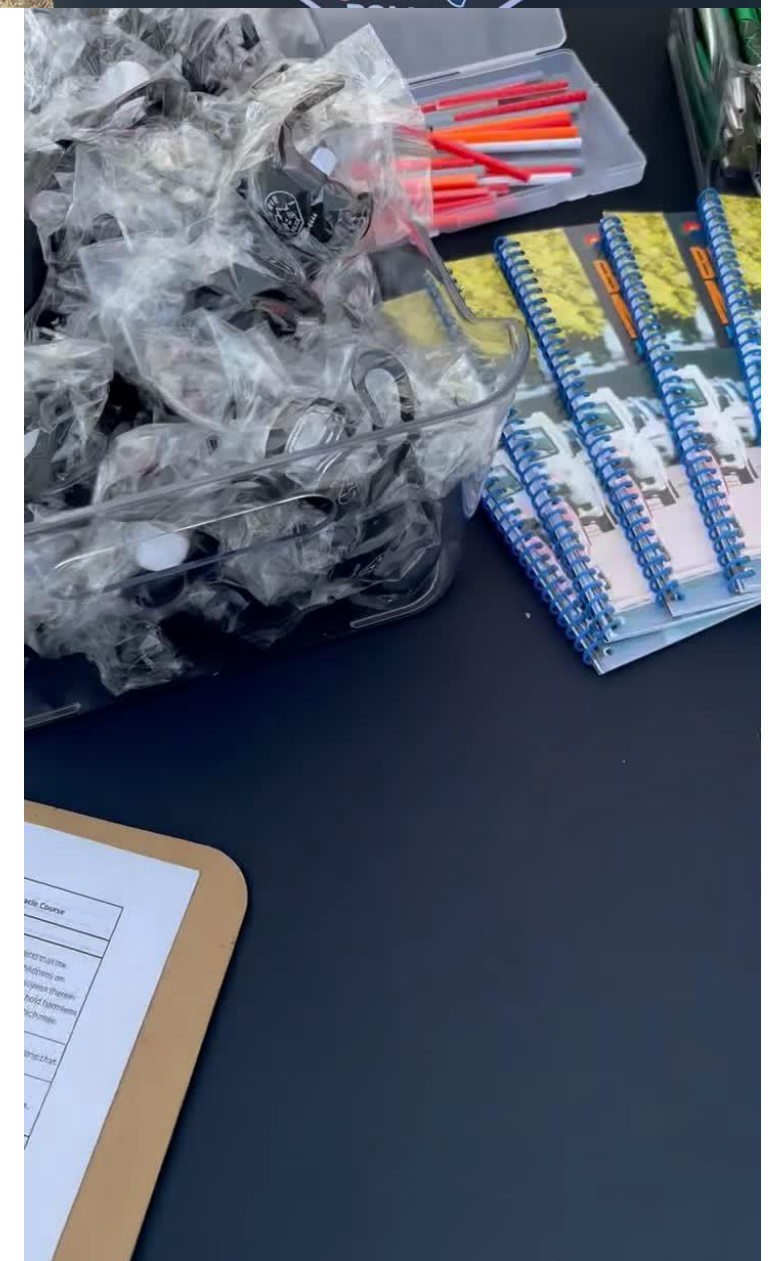
- November 'Buyer Beware' utility bill insert
- 1,500 flyers distributed by School Resource Officers
- Soaring Heights Parent Teacher Association video series
- Social media Weekly Recap video





# Youth & Community Education

- CDOT Parent Education Class Resource shared with Erie Youth for Change
- Erie Youth for Change joined our booth at the Bike Derby Event. Gave out bike lights, reflector stickers, bike safety manuals, and helmets



Course Overview Buy Expert Team Bulk Purchases Articles

**Ebike Training for Teens**

The Ebike Pro Course is the most comprehensive training available for young drivers and pre-driving teens. Students will learn the skills teens need for safe and responsible ebiking—skills that will carry over into safer driving.

Buy the Course Family Plans Bulk Licensing

Better Riders Today, Better Drivers Tomorrow

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# Strategic Communication & Awareness

- Website
- CBS News Feature
- Social media engagement

**Where are e-bikes Allowed?**

All e-bikes may be used on roads and bike lanes. Treated like bicycles, e-bikes must follow the same rules of the road as regular bicycles, and must follow posted speed limits.

Class 1 and Class 2 e-bikes are allowed on park pathways, and must follow the 15 mph speed limit.

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**Where are e-bikes Prohibited?**

E-bikes may be banned from certain parks, paths, and trails if signs are posted. **Bikes of any kind are not allowed on any turf or native grass areas** in town parks and open spaces, and must stay on designated trails at all times.

Class 3 E-bikes are **not allowed** on:

- Sidewalks
- Multi-use paths
- Park grass areas
- Trails
- Open space turf or native grass areas

**E-Bikes**

**What is an e-bike?**

An e-bike is a bicycle that:

- Has pedals you can use
- Has a small electric motor (750 watts or less)
- Has two or three wheels

	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
Pedal Assist	✓	✓	✓
Throttle	✗	✓	✗
Max Speed	20 mph	20 mph	28 mph

These are **not** e-bikes:

- Bikes that were changed to go faster than allowed
- Bikes that can be easily changed with a switch, app, or software to break the rules
- Electric dirt bikes (no pedals) are not "e-bikes" under Colorado law. Colorado's e-bike definition requires fully operable pedals and a motor rated at 750 watts or less. **Because e-dirt bikes and e-motorcycles don't meet that definition, they're treated as a motor vehicle.** If operated on public streets, motorcycles require a driver's license/endorsement, insurance, and the vehicles must be registered to operate, and follow Colorado roadway laws.

**Not an E-bike**

**Speed Limits**

**Roads and Bike Lanes**  
On roadways and in bike lanes, the only permitted public location for class 3 e-bikes, follow the posted speed limit.

**Park Pathways and Sidewalks**  
On sidewalks, trails, and pathways, the speed limit is 15 mph or slower.

**Town Park Rules**

Bikes of any kind are **not allowed** on any Town-maintained park turf or native grass areas and open spaces, and must stay on designated trails at all times.

Class 1 & 2 e-bikes are **not permitted** on any Town-maintained park turf or native grass areas and open spaces. Class 1 and 2 e-bikes **are permitted** on Town-maintained multi-purpose, natural surface, and single-track trails, e-bikes are not permitted on the jump track.

Class 3 e-bikes are **not permitted** on any Town-maintained park turf or native grass areas and open spaces, multi-purpose, natural surface, the jump track, or single-track trails.

- Single-track Trails (SNT)
- Fire Burned Trail Rules
- Open Space and Trails
- Parks and Recreation Municipal Code Prohibitions

**Town Ordinances & State Law**

- Town of Erie Ordinance 6-11-19 adopted on Jan. 21, 2019
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- Colorado Law 41-1-101 (C.R.S.)
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**Electric Dirt Bikes & Electric Motorcycles**

Electric dirt bikes (no pedals) are not "e-bikes" under Colorado law. Colorado's e-bike definition requires fully operable pedals and a motor rated at 750 watts or less. **Because e-dirt bikes and e-motorcycles don't meet that definition, they're treated as a motor vehicle.** If operated on public streets, motorcycles require a driver's license/endorsement, insurance, and the vehicles must be registered to operate, and follow Colorado roadway laws.

Electric motorcycles that are **not registered** may be used on private property, with the property owner's permission.

For more on motorcycles, view the [Colorado Motorcycle Operators Handbook](#).

**Toy Vehicles**

**Prohibited Use**  
Motorized toy vehicles (like motorized skateboards, motorized scooters, motorized roller skates, etc.) are **not allowed** on public roads, sidewalks, parks, trails, parking lots, or other public spaces ([Ordinance 6-11-19](#)).

**Parental Responsibility**  
Parents/guardians cannot allow minors to violate this rule.

**Allowed Use**

- On private property with the property owner's permission.
- In designated areas marked for motorized toy use (no such public space exists in Erie).

**Types of e-bikes**

Explaining e-bike types helps everyone understand where they can ride, how fast they can go, and how to keep shared spaces safe.

*Note: Vehicles that act like motorcycles—even if they look like bikes—are treated as motorcycles under the law.*

**Class 1 e-bike**  
Motor helps only when you pedal and stops assisting at 20 mph, and has an electric motor of 750 watts or less.

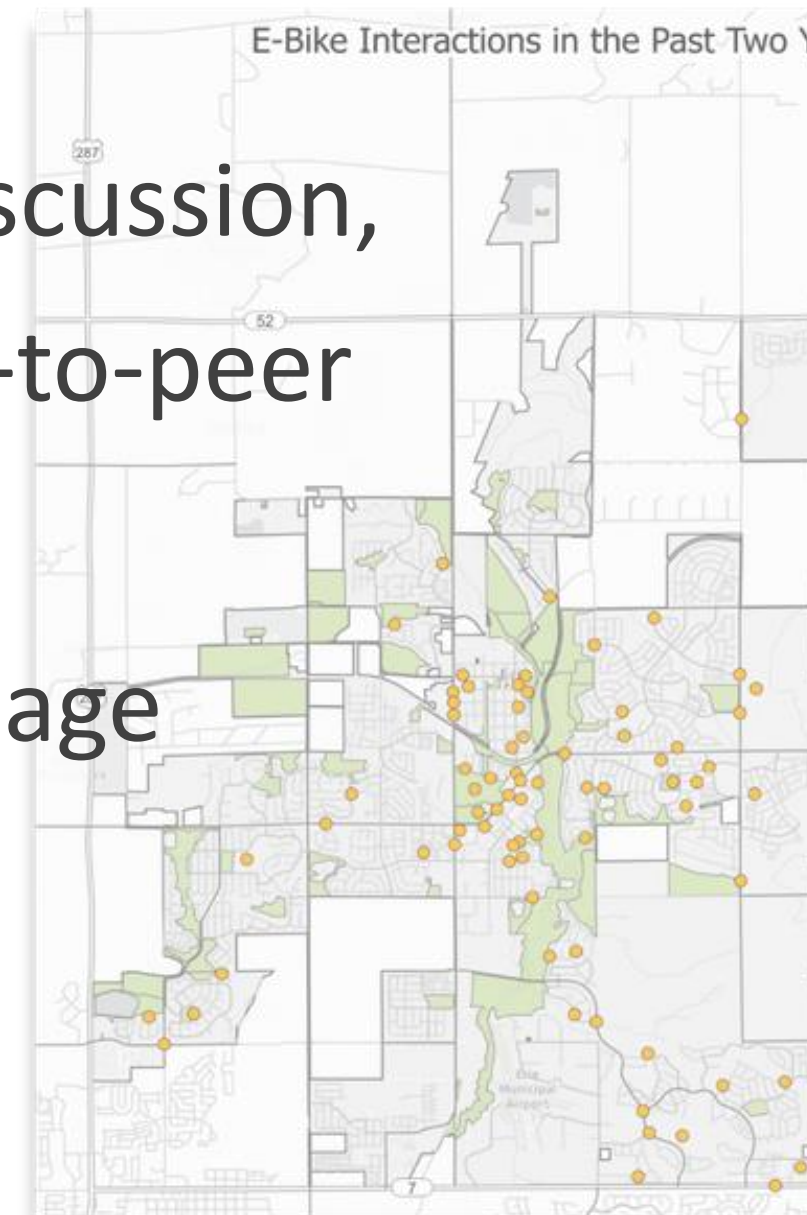
**Class 2 e-bike**  
Motor can work with or without pedaling and stops assisting at 20 mph, and has an electric motor of 750 watts or less.

**Class 3 e-bike**  
Motor helps only when you pedal and stops assisting at 28 mph, and has an electric motor of 750 watts or less.

	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
Pedal Assist	✓	✓	✓
Throttle	✗	✓	✗
Max Speed	20 mph	20 mph	28 mph

# Data-Informed Signage & Visibility

- Piloted temporary signage in high-traffic areas based on metrics
- Signage sparked widespread discussion, increased awareness, and peer-to-peer education online
- Parks Division - permanent signage





# Enforcement

- Enforcement is ongoing and addressing violations as they arise
- Directed enforcement efforts will take place this summer on numerous dates in June and July
- Enforcement actions are guided by safety risks and repeat behaviors.

Your Reporter

## Colorado law enforcement cracks down on modified e-bikes: "These are extremely dangerous"

By Sarah Horbacewicz

Updated on: March 12, 2026 / 10:02 AM MDT / CBS Colorado

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Law enforcement agencies across Colorado's Front Range are cracking down on high-powered electric bikes after recent dangerous incidents involving teenagers riding vehicles that can legally qualify as motorcycles.

Body and dash cam footage from Erie and Boulder police show teens riding the motorized bikes where they shouldn't or doing tricks in the roadways.

"You're doing wheelies on a motorcycle in the park," an Erie police officer says to a high school student during a stop at the community skate park earlier this month, "Do you have insurance and registration and a license for this?" The rider responds no.



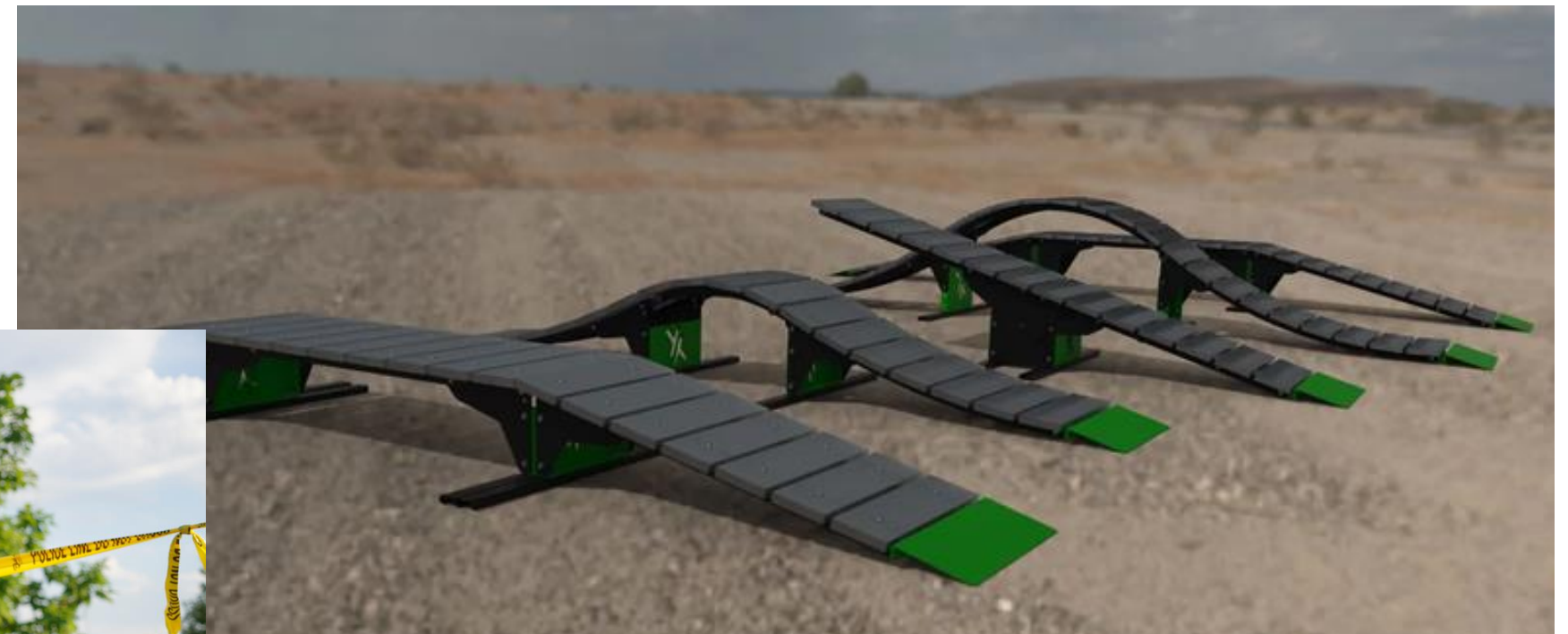
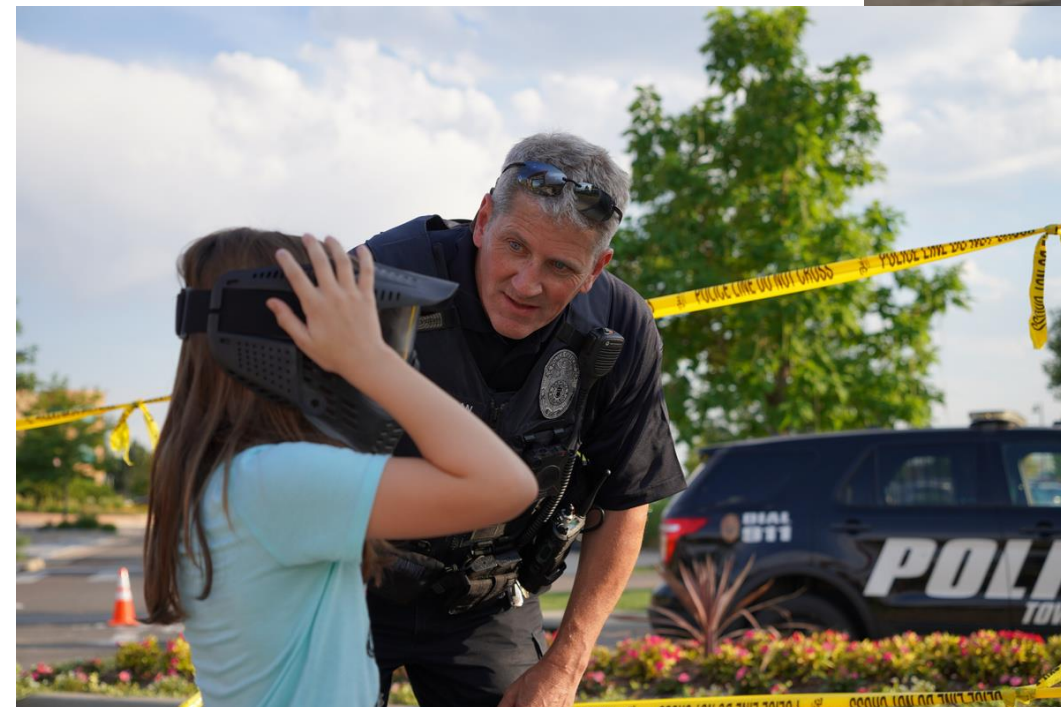
Erie Police Department

Salaman says many of the vehicles being stopped fall into a category



# Next Steps

- Pump Track SRO Visits
- July 3rd social media - rules of the event
- National Night Out - Tuesday, Aug. 4 at Erie Community Park
- Safety Course for e-Bikes





# Questions & Discussion

